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SUBJ: ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT IX-2.1: SIMULTANEOUS  
WARNINGS ON TSUNAMI

1. KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET AUGUST 8 PRESENTED TO SCIOFF  
UNDATED LETTER FROM POPOV OF HYDROMET ARCTIC/ANTARCTIC  
ADMINISTRATION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO BERTRAND THOMPSON.  
LETTER STATES THAT HARVEY VISIT TO SAKHALIN AFTER CON-  
CLUSION CURRENT RESEARCH CRUSIE HAS NOT YET BEEN ARRANGED,  
BUT THAT HYDROMET MAKING EFFORTS TO DO SO. DURING  
KAZAKOV ABSENCE, SIPAKOV OF HYDROMET HAD STATED THAT  
HARVEY VISIT TO SAKHALIN ALREADY ARRANGED. SIPAKOV'S  
ASSURANCES NOW APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PREMATURE. KAZAKOV  
AUGUST 8 INFORMED SCIOFF THAT HYDROMET ACTIVELY SEEKING  
APPROVAL FOR HARVEY VISIT, BUT THAT AS OF AUGUST 8 ONLY  
MILLER VISIT TO SAKHALIN CONFIRMED. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE  
ASAP WHEN INFORMED BY HYDROMET OF DECISION ON HARVEY  
VISIT.

2. TEXT OF POPOV LETTER TO THOMPSON FOLLOWS:  
QUOTE. DEAR MR. THOMPSON: I WISH TO CONFIRM THAT THANKS  
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RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF JULY 14 AND TO INFORM YOU THAT

IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR LETTER OF MAY 15 IT WAS PROPOSED THAT TWO AMERICAN SCIENTISTS TAKE PART IN A JOINT EXPEDITION DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, AND THAT DR. MILLER VISIT THE SAKHALIN COMBINED INSTITUTE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE EXPEDITION FOR APPROXIMATELY 2-3 WEEKS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS, A PROGRAM FOR THE VISIT OF THE AMERICAN SCIENTISTS WAS PUT TOGETHER BY THE SOVIET SIDE. IN YOUR LETTER THERE WAS NO MENTION OF ANY REQUEST CONCERNING FURTHER WORK OF DR. HARVEY IN SAKHALIN, IN NOVOSIBIRSK, AND IN MOSCOW, OF WHICH WE LEARNED ONLY IN YOUR LETTER OF JULY 7.

I MUST SAY THAT THIS QUESTION WAS A RATHER UNEXPECTED ONE FOR US, AND YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IT REQUIRES TIME FOR ITS RESOLUTION.

IF YOU INSIST UPON THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORK OF DR. R. HARVEY AT THE SAKHALIN COMBINED INSTITUTE, IN NOVOSIBIRSK, AND IN MOSCOW, AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE EXPEDITION, THEN WE WILL TRY TO RESOLVE THIS QUESTION AND WILL INFORM YOU OF ITS RESOLUTION.

WITH BEST REGARDS, V. POPOV, HEAD OF ARCTIC/ANTARCTIC ADMINISTRATION OF THE USSR HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE.  
END QUOTE.  
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